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NOTE: The next Bloomberg Law environment afternoon newsletter will appear Nov. 29.

South Fork Wind Slated to Start Construction in 2022

Biden administration environment moves top today's news, starting with a second major U.S. wind farm gaining federal approval.

The South Fork Wind project, a joint venture between Orsted AS and Eversource Energy, will consist of 12 turbines located 35 miles east of Montauk Point in New York and 19 miles southeast of Block Island in Rhode Island. It's slated to start construction in early 2022.

Vineyard Wind, another wind farm off Massachusetts' coast, broke ground last week. Both projects are part of Biden administration goals to cut emissions and build 30 gigawatts of offshore wind energy by 2030. South Fork will generate about 130 megawatts.

"In just six months, the U.S. offshore wind industry has seen the approval of two large-scale wind power projects, and momentum is gaining," Business Network for Offshore Wind President and CEO Liz Burdock said.

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Carbon Capture Expert to Lead Energy Office

The Biden administration has tapped two engineering professors to head up a new energy division of White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Sally Benson, a professor of energy engineering at Stanford University, was hired as the office's deputy director for energy and chief strategist for the energy transition. Costa Samaras, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at Carnegie Mellon University, will serve as principal assistant director for energy and chief advisor for energy policy, the White House said.

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Infrastructure Funds Require a Coordinated Permitting Strategy

The new \$1.2 trillion infrastructure funding package is expected to spur a flurry of project development against a backdrop of climate change and environmental justice concerns, Baker Botts attorneys Allison Watkins Mallick and Joshua Frank write in a Bloomberg Law Insight.

Streamlined Permitting: While much of the package is dedicated to federal and state infrastructure programs, the bill also allocates billions of dollars in incentives and matching funds for energy projects, including grid resiliency and the development of carbon capture projects, they say. The package also includes provisions to streamline environmental permitting for such projects, including the preparation of a single, joint environmental impact statement for certain projects, they say.

Coordinated Strategy: To help mitigate the risks of a lengthy and resource-intensive permit defense process, project proponents should have a coordinated strategy to address potential climate change and environmental justice issues, Mallick and Frank say. For example, they note that the 333-mile Champlain Hudson Power Express transmission line was able to obtain multiple federal and state permits without substantial opposition because the developer engaged with stakeholders, created a community benefits fund, performed a comprehensive environmental review, and made routing changes in response to community feedback.

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Offshore Wind Farm East of New York Wins Federal Approval

The U.S. Department of the Interior approved the construction of a wind farm off the coast of New York that will provide power for 70,000 homes. [Read More](#)

Chart: Delivering U.S. Power Is Almost as Costly as Producing It

U.S. utility spending to replace aging transmission equipment and install more lines to reach new wind and solar farms means the cost of delivering electricity has been steadily rising. At the same time, the falling price of natural gas in recent years, along with wider use of renewables that don't need fuel, has dragged down the cost of producing power.

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Germany's New Coalition Unveils Plan to Green Economy Faster (1)

Germany's new coalition government stepped up efforts to slash greenhouse gas emissions with a faster coal exit, more renewables and a new carbon price floor. [Read More](#)

Only Three Oil Majors Align With Paris Goals, Fund Managers Say

Only three oil and gas majors have strategies aligned with keeping global warming limited to 1.5 degrees Celsius, according to an assessment by a group managing \$39 trillion in assets. [Read More](#)

China's Slowdown Could Mean Peak Emissions Have Come Early

China's carbon dioxide emissions have dropped for the first time since the economy was locked down at the start of pandemic, after the nation's property slump hit construction activity and its energy crisis forced the authorities to ration power. [Read More](#)

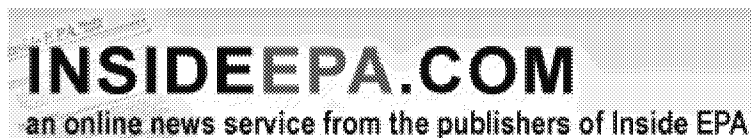
California Power Outages Rise as High Winds Raise Fire Risk (2)

The largest utility in Southern California cut power for more customers in the mountains near Los Angeles as strong winds raised the risk of wildfire, marking the second year in a row that parts of the region will spend Thanksgiving in the dark. [Read More](#)

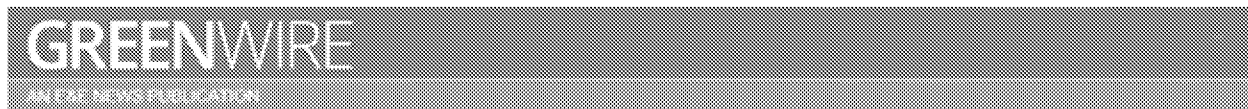
Adelphia Gateway Loses Bid to Move Gas Dispute to Third Circuit

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Adelphia Gateway LLC can't proceed with its lawsuit that seeks to move a dispute over Pennsylvania's approval of its natural gas compressor station to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, a federal court in the state ruled. [Read More](#)



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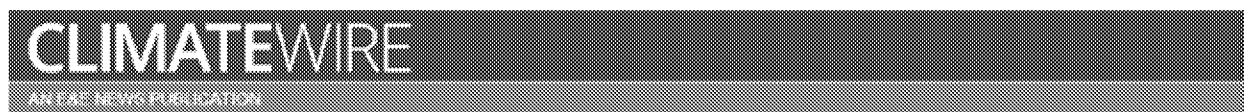
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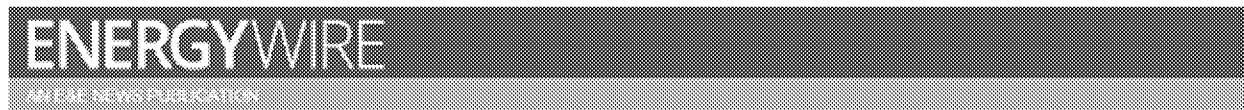
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